GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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NEW SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY CENTRES IN BACKWARD STATES
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an scheme to open new Science and Technology Centres in backward states during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of policy of the Government for opening of Technology Institutes and their development in backward and North-eastern states;

(e) whether there is any scheme to open a new Technology Institute in Bihar;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

g) if not the reasons therefor; and

h) the schemes of the Government for modernization and upgradation of Technology Institutes in Bihar?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (d) No Sir. The Government believes that adequate funds are essential to fund the existing institutes to enable them to provide good facilities for teaching and research for producing quality students rather than starting new institutes and spreading the available resources thinly.

(e) No Sir.

(f) to (h) The Government has no proposals at present for consideration. However if any new proposals based on their strength and need are received, they will be considered. The Government has programmes for strengthening of infrastructure in the academic institutes with critical mass of faculty. This scheme offers funds for upgradation of teaching and research facilities including internet, modern equipment, etc.